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NO. 84.

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In our last issue we pointed out the present necessity for protection to our agriculturists, pending a more advanced stage in our farm improvements, when we shall be able to cope with our neighbors in the productions from tillage and stock raising, when our hills and valleys will resound with lowing herds and bellowing sheep; when every farmer's household will be presided over by a frugal helpmeet, and rosy-checked children with merry laugh will make glad the heart of the breadwinner when he seeks the cosy home of his own creation. Such a time, we think, is not very distant, but before we reach that period, we have much to do in fostering our trade in order to attract to our shores the kind of population that will form the nucleus of a thrifty people. To accomplish this we must have trade, because we must afford the immediate means of earning a livelihood to all that come to us. How many thousands have come to this city and have been compelled to leave it, not because they had any objection to the country or that they doubted in the least the natural resources of the Colony, but because there was no immediate employment to ensure the wherewith to live. No one who ever came here left us without regret, and if they could have earned sufficient to buy their daily bread would certainly have remained. Persons coming here from the old country or from Canada, if they cannot obtain employment, are compelled to go over to the Sound or back to San Francisco. It is not merely the loss of population which we suffer, but also the profits on the labor and consumption of these immigrants, who go to swell the population and increase the wealth of our neighbors. With an increase in our trade we should be able to employ these persons until they had saved sufficient to buy farms and stock them, when they would give place to others who would be in their turn consumers; thus gradually spreading wealth and prosperity throughout the land. We have merchants amongst us who have the talent and enterprise to make us a great commercial people; but their hands are tied by restrictive Customs regulations and extravagant duties on goods that would form the staples of our trade. If the more sensible among our legislators suggest a reduction of the duties on articles that would meet with ready sale, and thus by rapid disposal and replacement produce double or treble the present revenue derived from them, at one-half the present duty, the Executive immediately takes the alarm, and by sheer combination of all its elements, votes down any attempt to create a more workable tariff. If the one or two members of the Legislative Council who have any knowledge of commercial usage, or economic science, introduce a measure to liberate our trade from trammels that are only productive of injury to all concerned, those well-meaning gentlemen who wield our destinies, immediately put a veto upon it by sending the enactment home to England for approval, which is simply another way of defeating the measure, no matter how important it may be to the wellbeing of the Colony. We do not believe that the members of the Executive Council oppose the efforts of our merchants to save the Colony from depopulation, from any reason other than their ideas of prudent Government. Most of them are deeply interested in the advancement and prosperity of the Colony, and if it were possible to inspire them with the true knowledge of success in business we do not doubt that they would be the most ardent supporters of the very measures they show such an antipathy for. It is truly deplorable that intelligent gentlemen, on any other subject than that of commerce, should perpetrate such blunders; and that with every respect for them personally, we should be compelled to warn them that if they are incapable of judging on a subject that involves the prosperity or ruin of the whole community, they had better resign their positions into the hands of men whose views are better adapted to the things we live in and to the people whose welfare is placed in their hands, and whose entire earthly possessions are dependent on their guidance. The Governor should at once place himself in communication with the people through their representatives and adopt such a system of government as would meet with general approval. It cannot be said that we are a people prone to noisy discontent or addition; we defy any one to point out a more loyal population in any of Her Majesty's Colonies; but we cannot be supposed to stand idly by when mismanagement is taking the bread from our children's mouths; when the first principles of Government as adapted to a young Colony and the spirit of trade, are set aside for others that were popular in the unenlightened days of our great-grandfathers, it is quite time to complain, and like any other portion of the Anglo-Saxon race we have all the immovable determination to obtain that which we consider in justice belongs to us; and when once we make up our minds to any course of action, no power on earth can hold us. The delay which must ensue from the ill-considered determination of the Executive to send home the Drawbacks' Bill, a measure that was only introduced as a preliminary step to more extended modifications in our revenue laws, will arouse a feeling in the breasts of commercial men that augurs ill for the continuance of our present system of government. All the efforts of aliens to wean us from allegiance to the old flag, and even the desire of our fellow Colonists to the eastward of the Rocky Mountains to relieve us from what has been designated an incubus, were at least for a time unavailing; our love for the old country, the home of our fathers, is deeply rooted in our hearts, and we are loth to believe that a Government emanating from that source can be inimical to our interests. But necessity has no law; and if we cannot have a Government from England that will look after our welfare, we must seek it where such is to be found.

PROGRESS OF THE REDUCTIONS.—Whilst the Government is wisely taking time to consider a number of different and conflicting schemes for carrying out their declared policy of efficiency and economy, one portion of the press is indulging its readers in the most absurd sensational prophecies of ruinous changes; and another part, including one of our military contemporaries, amuses its readers, as it has continued to do for some time past, with the most oracular advice "to be a little incredulous" respecting all rumours of reductions in general. The latter course was all very well, remarks the *Broad Arrow*, three or four months ago, when our contemporary above alluded to, no doubt speaking according to the extent of its information, persistently for many weeks denied, in contemptuous terms, the very idea of any reductions being contemplated at all; but it is time that the exhibition of such a farce should cease, now that the reductions then foretold are day by day taking their place amongst the records of fact. It is not probable that any further indication of the shape which these reductions are taking will be immediately announced to any greater extent than what the readers of the *Broad Arrow* have been already long since informed of. It may be considered as extremely probable that the strength of the battalions, at home or abroad, will be equalized—a measure, which will only tend to the efficiency and economy of the service, but remove that unhappy cause of dissatisfaction and frequent hardship, the continual reductions which have hitherto necessarily occurred on the return of a regiment from foreign service, with all the unavoidable disputes and confusion arising from the manner in which the officers are again restored to full pay. The recall of our troops from certain of our foreign possessions may also be considered as a settled policy in accordance with which those to whom the privileges of self government have been granted will hereafter discharge the duties as well as exercise the rights of that condition.—*Public Opinion.*

New Advertisements.

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Ex "PRINCE OF WALES" "CECROPS" and other recent arrivals from England.

IN AND OUT OF BOND.

Scotch Plows, and Turnip Cutters.
62 cases Paper Hangings, ex "Cecrops."
English Wrapping Paper.
15 cases "Sanderson & Naylor's" Pick Steel.
Sheet Iron, R. G. and common, assorted sizes.
Tin Plate, Wire, Block Tin, &c.
"Morton's" Pickles, 50 cases.
Candles, 150 cases 25lb.
Matches, wood.
Sardines in quarter and half tins, 50 cs.
French Leather, Calf and Kip; a large assortment, sold in any quantities.
Linseed Oil and Paints.
Glassware, cut and pressed Bar Tumblers, Wines, &c.
Thread, Shoe and Saddlers'; "Barbours" Twines, assorted colors and kinds.
18 cases Zinc.
Swedish Iron, Bar Iron, all sizes; Hoop, Etc., Etc.; Etc.

A full assortment always on hand at the Store of English and American Hardware and other Staple Goods, Electro-Plated Ware, Cutlery, &c. ma20

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Desirable Business and other Property.

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The extensive use of these watches for the last fifteen years by Railway Conductors, Engineers, and Expressmen, the most exacting of watch-wearers, has thoroughly demonstrated the strength, steadiness, durability and accuracy of the Waltham Watch. To satisfy that class in all these respects, is to decide the question as to the real value of these timekeepers.

The superior organization and great extent of the Company's Works at Waltham, enable them to produce watches, COMBINING THE BEST AND LATEST IMPROVEMENT, and at a price which renders competition futile, and those who buy any other watch, merely pay from 25 to 50 per cent more for their watches than is necessary. For sale by all dealers.

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English, French and American Patterns,

Expressly Selected for him,

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A GENERAL MEETING OF THE CORPS will be held at the rooms of the Mechanics' Institute at 8 o'clock on Monday evening next, 22d inst., for the purpose of electing a Lieutenant and an Ensign, and transacting other business of importance.

Note but the members present who have signed the roll, will be allowed to vote.

No nomination can take place after a quarter of an hour past the hour of calling the meeting to order.

(Signed) Chairman of last meeting.

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Wedding & Visiting Cards,

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Superior to Copper Plate.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Fort Street, Victoria, B. C.

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STEAMBOATS

Supplied on the Shortest Notice, Free

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Springfield Nursery, - - - - - Cook street, and
James' Bay Nursery, - - - - - Michigan street,

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In consequence of the increasing demand for their Seeds, and in order to retain the confidence of their customers have grown expressly for this Market and have now on hand

THE LARGEST, MOST RELIABLE AND BEST-SELECTED STOCK OF

Colonial-raised Agricultural, Garden and Flower Seeds

Ever offered on this Coast.

Especially attention is called to their various GRASS AND OTHER FARM SEEDS, which are now, and for the first time in this Colony, Guaranteed of Home Growth.

A SPECIAL PRIZE was awarded them at Yale, and Honorary Certificate at Victoria Agricultural Shows of 1868 for samples of the above.

J. & B. have on the way from Europe, overland, many Useful and Ornamental Novelties for amateur and professional Gardeners.

FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES, Garden and House Plants, Bulbs and other Nursery Stock securely packed for travel: Catalogues at the Store and Nurseries, as usual. fe3 d & w

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Pickles, Safford Oil and Mustard

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Being attached to the premises, Meals can be had at ALL HOURS OF THE DAY.

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The rates of Charges are as follows:

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CIVIL

JUSTICE, V. I., IN BANKRUPTCY.

Thos. Mann and Malcolm Munro, Bankrupts

THE ABOVE-NAMED BANKRUPT, MALCOLM MUNRO, will appear before His Honor Chief Justice Neillman on Wednesday, the 31st day of March instant, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House, James Bay, to pass his first examination.

ROBERT BISHOP, Solicitor.

Dated 17th March, 1869. ma19

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Desires to inform the Inhabitants of Victoria and its vicinity, that he has returned from the Upper Country with a Choice Collection of

New Photographic Views

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And Views taken with the greatest care and in the best style of Photographic Art, and warranted to give satisfaction.

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THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Saturday Morning, March 20, 1869.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED

March 19.—Stmr Gussie Telfair, Shell, Port Townsend

Stmr Fly, Frail, San Juan

CLEARED.

March 19.—Stmr Gussie Telfair, Shell, Portland

Auction Sale To-Day.

P. DAVIES & CO., 11 o'clock, Furniture, Books, Cutlery,

Ron Sals, Engravings, Clocks, &c., &c.

New Creek Discovered?

Information has been received here by the government announcing the discovery of a w Creek between 75 and 100 miles N.E. Cariboo. No great amount of prospecting had been done, but so far as could be ascertained, an average of about 12 1/2 cents the pan was obtained on the surface. The grade is lower than Cariboo, and the impression is that the mining season will be 10 months longer than at the latter place. The length of the creek is from ten to fifteen miles, and it receives the waters from a number of tributaries. The country has been traversed over, so that the timber is small and easily removed. The Government contemplates sending out an exploring party as soon as the season will permit.

A DISORDERLY MARINE.—Francis Rourke, marine, was found in a drunk and disorderly state in the public streets on Thursday night, and when approached by a policeman acted like a tiger upon him. The policeman summoned assistance and threatened to take Rourke "in"; but the marine was "too d a bird to be caught with chaff," and resuming the old saying, requested the officer "tell that to sailors, a marine wouldn't lieve it." A struggle resulted, and it required half-a-dozen policemen and a coat torn to shreds before Master Rourke could be subdued to submit. Yesterday morning both captors and captured presented a sorry appearance. Six charges were entered against Rourke, to three of which he pleaded guilty. The officer gave him a good character, and the Magistrate, taking a merciful view of the case, fined Rourke \$5 for being drunk and disorderly; \$10 for assaulting one of the officers; and \$20 for destroying a coat. In addition to the fine he received some wholesome advice, thrown in gratuitously, which, it is hoped, will exert a salutary effect upon future behavior.

WE cannot allow our old friend Mr. McGree to depart without adding to the uttering ovation extended him a week to our humble tribute of esteem and expression of regret at the loss of so worthy a citizen and a true friend. During Mr. McGree's residence of nearly eleven years among us, he has been distinguished for his integrity, a business capacity, sterling honesty, and (better than all) for the possession of a kind disposition which prompted him on many occasions to deeds of generosity that brought to impoverished households and gladness to desolate hearts. Wherever he may come, he will bear with him the best wishes of the people of British Columbia for his health and prosperity.

LEACH RIVER.—Two gentlemen returned from Leach and Sooke rivers, last evening, by report Harnet & Co. engaged in rowing a flume across Leach river so as to conduct the water from the ditch to the flat they have located. The miners are confident of success. Five white men and a Chinaman are at work on the river. The weather is mild and no snow was encountered by the travellers.

THE DEPARTURE OF ONE OF THOSE who have been associated with us in this city causes regret, it is more keenly felt when that citizen takes with him an estimable lady and family. We lose much in the amiable society of Mrs. Dickson, who goes down by the Gussie Telfair to Portland, to join her departed husband, where they propose to fix their future home. We wish them all health and happiness.

THE CRICKET MATCH.—A hitch has occurred in the arrangements of the International Cricket Match. A telegram received yesterday from San Francisco states that the steamship company have receded from the offer previously made to convey our Eleven and from San Francisco free of charge. A meeting of the Club will probably be called to consider the matter.

DEAD WHALE.—The steamer Gussie Telfair, from Portland, on Monday last, observed dead whale floating off Cape Flattery. From this circumstance it is inferred that Capt. Roy's party has got to work with their bombs, and that the carcass seen was that of a whale they struck but failed to secure.

SOLD OUT.—The well known pioneer firm of L. & J. Boscowitz have disposed of their stock to Messrs. G. Sutro & Co. Mr. J. Boscowitz, the resident partner of the firm, will remain at Victoria to manage the interests here of the Alaska Fur Company of which he is a member.

ARRIVED.—The bark Mary arrived on Thursday evening from San Francisco. She was taken in tow by the steamer Isobel for the B. C. & V. I. MHL, Burrard Inlet, where she will load with lumber.

MERCHANTS' LITERARY INSTITUTE.—Rev. Mr. Jones will deliver the next lecture before this association on Tuesday evening next. Subject—"Electricity."

THE Chief Constableness of Yale has been given to Mr. Burr, vice Sharwood, resigned.

"Dew Drop Inn."—Carroll's old stand will be opened by Charles McHardy & Co. under the attractive title of "The Dew Drop Inn." Mr. McHardy invites all his friends to X 10 U 8 their thirst to-day with the choice brands he will then and there dispense.

THE steamer Gussie Telfair returned from Puget Sound yesterday morning and sailed at 1 1/2 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Portland, Oregon. Among her passengers (numbering 22) were Mrs. Dr. Dickson and son, Major Francis, U.S.A., and E. Wadheim.

A DISPATCH from Portland announces the arrival there of the steamship O. I. O. from San Francisco. Mr. Ben. Holladay came up on her and will continue on to Victoria and Puget Sound in a few days.

THE ship Prince of Wales, for London, returned to Royal Roads on Thursday evening and rode at anchor there until yesterday morning, when she took advantage of the fair wind and sailed into the Strait.

THE steamship J. L. Stephens is expected to arrive this morning from Nacaimo and to sail at 2 o'clock p.m. for San Francisco. She will carry about 40 passengers and a quantity of coal.

A. GILMORE, Tailor, wishes to inform his friends and the public that he is selling off the balance of his winter stock at cost to make room for spring goods.

A CORRESPONDENT of a London contemporary states that the costs on both sides in the St. Alban's Ritual trials amount to £20,000.

FELL'S COFFEE has become the favorite Colonial beverage, and is to be found on every breakfast table from Victoria to the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

THE G. S. Wright got off at 8 o'clock yesterday morning for Portland. She carried about 20 passengers.

THE apparatus of the Gymnasium Club is in process of removal to Albemarle Hall.

THE brig Byzantium will be sold on Tuesday next by Mr. Main, auctioneer.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES

Eastern States.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The Tribune's Atlanta special says the 15th Amendment was ratified by the Georgia Legislature, 64 to 32; the Democrats voting for ratification on the ground that it denied negroes the right to hold office. The matter came up in the Senate to-morrow. The same special reports more Ku Klux outrages on the negroes, they having killed some and whipped others.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The bill continuing the Educational and Collection Departments of the Freedmen's Bureau was postponed until January 11th, 1871, together with a large number of other bills.

A joint resolution relating to lighthouses on the coast of Oregon was passed.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Several important nominations were agreed upon in the Cabinet, but it is positively asserted that the President will make no further important nominations until the Tenure of Office Bill is disposed of by the Senate.

THE Tribune's special insists that Sumner prepared a wail-like speech on the Alabama Treaty question.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The city is still overrun with office seekers and the number is increasing by every train. Senators and representatives are overwhelmed with letters and personal applications. Efforts are being made to secure the appointment of Eben Bassett, colored principal in a school in Philadelphia, as Minister to Hayti.

The Joint Commission of the British and American Governments to settle the Hudson Bay and Puget Sound difficulties meets at New York to-morrow. The united amounts of claims of the two companies is six millions.

The President sent several nominations to the Senate to-day, but none of an important character.

Ex-President Johnson left for Tennessee yesterday.

The Ways and Means Committee have determined to recommend separate action on the tax bill relating to tobacco and spirits.

The Senate has confirmed Frank Moore of New York as Secretary of Legation at Madrid.

MEMPHIS, March 17.—A fleet on Sunday night destroyed the fruit crop.

NEW YORK, March 17.—General Wm. Barlow, formerly on the staff of Gen. Dix, died last night.

Two more victims of the fever by the ship James Foster died yesterday.

Commander Elias K. Owen has been ordered to San Francisco to take command of the gunboat Cyane.

CHICAGO, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day was generally celebrated.

Bay; bark Vadette, from Port Blakely, sailed March 17.—Steamer Oriflamme, Astoria.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—When the steamer Chryseopolis from Sacramento with the Emmet Guards, was about two hundred yards from the landing, some persons attempting to fire a six pounder exploded a ten pound canister of gunpowder. The explosion occurred between the mail room and kitchen; the concussion was terrific, burning the doors of the mail room, shattering the side of the saloon, filling the vessel with smoke; the bulkheads were split in pieces. The members of the cornet band were within a few feet of the gun when the explosion took place, and suffered severely from its effects; a large chandelier was jarred from the fastenings and dashed to pieces in an instant; the burning fluid ignited and the flames spread rapidly over the floor but were smothered by coats and blankets. About 20 persons were injured most severely.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—The report that Gen. George H. Thomas is to succeed Gen. Halleck is confirmed. Gen. Halleck is to command the military division of the South, headquarters at Louisville, Kentucky. The 9th and 14th regiments of infantry are to go East.

The Montana sailed for Panama at noon to-day.

Legal Tenders 77 1/2 @ 77 1/2.

Arrived, March 17, ship Elizabeth Kimball from Bellingham Bay, bark Oakland, Port Madison, bark Gen Cobb, Port Orchard.

The mail steamer Colorado arrived from Panama this morning.

Eastern States.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Washington special says that the House went into Committee on Foreign Affairs, and considered the Cuba and San Domingo questions, but came to no conclusion. In the meantime the West India squadron is being heavily reinforced. The sensible object is to protect American citizens in Cuba, but it is well understood to mean something else. Should the revolution gain much further headway, steps will undoubtedly be taken to recognize the independence of the island of Cuba by our government.

What is the difference between a drinker and a smoker? One is a bacchanalian and the other a tobacco-nalian.

SCIENTIFIC.—It is said that a certain uncapured bushranger is called "Thunderbolt" because he leads such a shocking life.

A YANKEE contemporary asks: Is it because so many swells have "handles" to their names that they are called "knobs"?

Salt Rheum and all Scabious Eruptions

are, to a perfect certainty, relieved and removed by the use of Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills. The cleansing, searching, detergent properties of the sarsaparilla neutralizes and separates the poisoned humours of the healthy blood, the Pills purge out and carry off the dangerous virus.

WALTHAM WATCHES

The "P. E. Bartlett" movement, with extra Jewels, Chronometer Balance, Patent Dust Cap, Patent Safety Pinion, &c., in 3 oz. case, Gold Joints, \$30 coin. The same in 4 oz. case, \$30. In 5 oz. case, \$33 coin.

The "Waltham Watch Co." movement, with extra Jewels, Chronometer Balance, Patent Dust Cap, Patent Safety Pinion, &c., in 3 oz. case, Gold Joints, \$30 coin. The same in 4 oz. case, \$33. In 5 oz. case, \$36 coin.

The "Appleton, Tracy & Co." movement, with extra Jewels, Chronometer Balance, Patent Dust Cap, Patent Safety Pinion, &c., in 3 oz. case, Gold Joints, \$34 coin. The same in 4 oz. case, \$37. In 5 oz. case, \$40 coin.

"P. S. Bartlett Watch in 2 1/2 oz. 18 karat Gold Hunting Case, \$30 coin.

"Waltham Watch Co." Watch, in 2 1/2 oz. 18 karat Gold Hunting Case, \$34 coin.

"Appleton, Tracy & Co." Watch, in 2 1/2 oz. 18 karat Gold Hunting Case, \$37 coin.

Any additional weight at \$1 per wt., or \$20 per oz. extra.

We will send any of the above by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, with bill to collect on delivery, and give the purchaser the privilege to examine the Watch before paying. All Express charges, however, to be paid by the purchaser. But if the amount of the price of the Watch is remitted to us with the order, we will prepay the Express charges to San Francisco ourselves. In sending money, drafts on Wells, Fargo & Co. are preferred.

We wish it distinctly understood that these Watches are the very best, with all the latest improvements, and that they are in perfect running order (a guarantee from the manufacturer accompanies each watch), and if any one does not perform well, we will exchange it, or refund the money.

Please state that you saw this in the DAILY and WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST.

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In order that all may address us with confidence, we refer, by permission, to Messrs. WELLS, FARGO & Co. or to any of their agents on the Pacific Coast.

Auction Sales

J. P. Davies & Co

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS. Salesroom, Fireproof Store Building, Wharf Street near Yates.

Cash advances made on Consignments.

AUCTION

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

WILL SELL

At Salesroom, Wharf street, THIS DAY

MARCH 20, AT 11 O'CLOCK

Invoice of English Wall Paper

Invoice Butcher and Table Knives

Clocks, in great variety

Spittoons and Vases

Steel Plate Engravings

2 Fire Proof Safes with combination

Locks and duplicate keys. ma18

Etc., Etc., Etc.

Furniture and Books.

Walnut Book Case, about 50 vols.

of Standard Works, Mahogany Bed-

stead and Bedding, Blankets, Pillows,

Washstand and Tables. ma19

J. P. DAVIES,

Auctioneer,

Auction Sales.

On Tuesday next, March 23d,

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST

SPRING SALE

Of Clothing, Underclothing, Hosiery, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Furnishing Goods, Hayward's Rubber Boots,

Etc., Etc., Etc., ON A LIBERAL CREDIT,

Furnishing Goods

40 doz. Eagle, Atkinson and Star white Shirts, 60 doz. Baltic, Serge, French Cass., Beaver, Blue, Grey and Cloth Over Shirts, Blue, Brown and Shaker Socks, Kersey Drawers and Knitted Jackets, Boys ribbed Shirts and Drawers, Black leather Bags, Braces, Paper Collars, Blue Mixed and White ribbed Shirts and Drawers, Silk Drawers, Scarlet Shirts and Drawers, Extra quality Buck Gloves and Mittens.

Dry Goods & Hosiery

Brooks' Thread, Ladies' Cloth Cloaks, Silk Mantillas, Ladies' Fine Hose, Hose suitable for Indian Trade, Misses and Childrens' Hose, 30 doz Hoop Skirts, 4-Point white Blankets.

Men & Boys' Clothing

PANTS—French and English Cass. Beavers, Cal Tweed, Doeskin, Satinette, Heavy Mining

COATS—Cloth and Beaver Frocks, Business and Sac Coats in great variety.

SUITS—Beaver, Cloth, Diagonal, Cass. Harrison Mixture, &c.

Boys' Brown, Grey and Drab Suits and Coats.

Boots Shoes & Brogans

20 cases Heywood's long-legged Indiarubber Mining Boots, in or out of Bond, Slippers, Cavalry, Dress, Mining and nailed Boots, Men's and Boys' sewed and Pegged Brogans.

Hats and Caps

75 doz Men's and Boys' Hats, all colors, shapes and makes, 15 doz assorted Caps.

TERMS—All sums under \$250, Cash; over \$250 and under \$500, 30 days; over \$500, 60 days; on approved endorsed notes. 1 per cent off for Cash.

J. P. DAVIES, Auctioneer,

AUCTION.

LAND AT ESQUIMALT FOR SALE.

In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice, V. I., in Bankruptcy.

In Re A. D. McDonald, a Bankrupt.

J. P. DAVIES & CO. will sell by Public Auction, at their Salesroom, Wharf Street, on

WEDNESDAY.

24th March inst., at 12 o'clock noon,

By order of the Trade Assignee in the above Estate.

All that Tract of Land part of Section 19, situate at the entrance of the Town of Esquimalt, and extending from Esquimalt Harbor, on the North to the Straits on the South, containing 6 Acres of Land or thereabouts, with Water Frontage on both the Harbor and Straits.

A Plan of the Property, also conditions of Sale, can be seen at our Office, or at the Office of MR. ROBERT BISHOP, Bastion Street, Solicitor to the Estate. Acts of Sale at Buyer's expense.

J. P. DAVIES, Auctioneer.

ADMIRALTY SALE.

J. P. DAVIES & CO. have received instructions from Admiral the Hon. G. F. Hastings to sell by Public Auction at the Navy Yard, Esquimalt, Thursday, 25th March, at 11 o'clock, the following condemned Stores:

101 Iron Casks, 0-2 1/2 Tiller Hido Rope, 10 tons 1 cwt 3 qrs 3 lbs cordage paper stuff, Old China, 6 cwt 3 qrs 19 lb Cast Iron, 18 cwt 2 qrs 9 lbs Wrought Iron, 20 cwt 3 qrs 24 lbs Rags, Paper stuff, Old Glass, 14 cwt 2 qrs 15 lbs Rags painted stuff, 159 1/2 lbs Old Steel, 2 qrs 2 1/2 lbs Indiarubber, vulcanized.

VICTUALING.—Biscuit, Biscuit dust, Bage, Cook's Fat, old iron Hoops Wood Cases.

ALSO—Unserviceable Clothing, 16 Beds, 87 Blankets, 47 Bed Covers, Wrappers, &c., &c.

J. P. DAVIES, Auctioneer,

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A. F. Main,

AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT. Salesroom, Brick Store, Wharf Street, in city occupied by P. M. Backus.

Advances made on Consignments.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

To be sold by AUCTION by A. F. MAIN, Auctioneer, at his Auction Rooms, Wharf street, on Monday, 22d day of March inst., at 12 o'clock noon, by order of the Official Administrator:

A House and improvements, consisting of Fencing, Cattle Corrals, Piggeries, &c., on a pre-emption claim on MORESBY ISLAND, as the same were held by ELMES HARRIS, deceased, together with all the right of the Official Administrator to the pre-emption claim. Also 18 Head of Cattle, more or less, including 1 Yoke of Work Cattle, 12 Pigs, 1 Plough, 1 Harrow, Picks, Spades, Shovels, Forks, Axe, and other Tools and Implements.

Particulars may be obtained of the Auctioneer, and of W. S. Sebright Green, Solicitor, Broughton Street.

Mr. Lyman A. Cutler will show the Stock and premises, on Moresby Island, up to the date of Sale.

ALSO

At same time and place

Subdivisions Nos. 45 and 46 of Section 44 Victoria District, Cadboro Bay, containing 10 37-100 Acres.

Acts of Sale at Purchaser's expense. A. F. MAIN, Auctioneer.

Victoria, V. I., 1st March, 1869. ma16

AUCTION

IN THE VICE ADMIRALTY COURT.

A. F. MAIN will sell by Auction on Tuesday, March 23d, 1869, on board at Messrs. Sproat & Co's wharf, at 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,

By Order of His Honor Joseph Needham

The Brig Byzantium OF LIVERPOOL,

250 Tons, A 1 at Lloyd's

As she now lies at Sproat & Co's Wharf, Spars and Rigging in first rate Condition, together with the following Tackle, &c.:

- 1 Suit Sails, complete
- 1 Spare do
- 2 Boats and Sailing gear
- 2 Bower Anchors
- 1 Stream do
- 1 Kedg do
- 200 Fathom 1 inch Chain Cable
- 1 Hawser, 7 inch
- 1 do 5 inch
- Lot of Spars, Blocks, &c.
- 2 IRON TANKS, 600 Gallons each
- 2 Pumps complete, 5 Puncheons
- 2 Harness Casks
- 1 Compass
- 1 Tell-tale do
- 1 Spare do
- Sundry Pumps, Crockery, &c., &c.

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AUCTION

A. F. MAIN

Will sell by Public Auction at his Salesroom, Wharf street, on Wednesday, 24th March, 1869, at 12 o'clock noon.

THE FARM

AT SAANICH

Lately occupied by Mr George Thomas, being Section 17, Range 111 W, containing about 57 Acres, more or less.

On the Premises are an excellent Dwelling House, a Capacious Barn, good Stabling and Well of Water, Piggeries and Out-houses

There is also a large Garden well stocked with the best kinds of Apple, Pear, Plum and Cherry Trees, all in full bearing. From 14 to 16 Acres of the finest kind of Land are fenced and under cultivation.

The Property fronts on the Saanich Inlet, on a Bay in which schooners can approach close to the shore and take in cargo.

—ALSO—

Town Lot No 1161, corner Vancouver and Meares streets.

Acts of Sale at Purchaser's expense: A. F. MAIN, Auctioneer.

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AUCTION.

A. F. MAIN

Is instructed by Capt Stamp to sell by Auction on

THURSDAY, 25th MARCH, AT 11 A. M.

At his residence on Park street, all his well-kept

Household Furniture,

Consisting in part of the following:

1 handsome Drawingroom Set with covers, 2 Large Mirrors, 1 very Superior tricorn check-action Cottage Piano, by R. Wornum & Sons, Music, Stool, Chandelior, Whatnauts, a choice collection of Books, Drawing, Dining and Bedroom Carpets and Rugs, Fenders, Fire Irons, Coal Scuttles, Curtains and Blinds, Marble-top Tables, a magnificent Sideboard, Extension Dining Table, Dinner Service, Tea and Coffee Sets, Dining and Bedroom Chairs, Mahogany and Walnut Bedsteads, Spring, Hair and Palu Mattresses, Bedding, Bed and Table Linen of first rate quality and nearly new, Marble-top Bureaus and Washstands, Toilet Sets, Towel Racks, Glassware, Decanters, Wine Glasses, &c., Knives and Forks, Spoons, Covers, Kitchen Stove and Furniture, Clock, Knife Cleaning Machine, Washing Machine, a number of Lamps and Globes, a lot of Fowls, a small Aquarium, &c., &c. The whole in excellent order.

The Piano is a first-class instrument, and merits the particular attention of purchasers. The Sideboard is one of the handsomest in the Colony.

A. F. MAIN, Auctioneer.

NEW GOODS

EX "GUSSIE TELFAIR."



W. G. JAMIESON,

Watchmaker & Jeweller,

GOVERNMENT STREET,

HAS JUST RECEIVED A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GOODS, CONSISTING OF

WATCHES, JEWELLERY, SILVER & PLATEDWARE,

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